

### **6.1.7 CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM**

The Long Beach Department Chaplain's Advisory Group is one of several advisory groups that report directly to the Chief of Police. The Chaplains Group is open to all denominations. Members must conform to the by-laws, which in part require that Chaplain responsibilities be discharged in a non-sectarian manner, and that they refrain from unsolicited proselytizing.

The mission of the Police Chief's Chaplain's Advisory Group is to function as a liaison between the Long Beach Police Department and the community in which they serve. The goals of this committee include, but are not limited to:

- Counseling employees of the Police Department and their families
- Providing assistance to victims as part of a Crisis Response Team
- Advise and assist the members of the Police Department to recognize differences in the community that may affect the timely and effective enforcement of the laws

#### **Executive Committee**

- An Executive Committee comprised of six clergy from a variety of religious affiliations shall be formed from members of the Chaplain's Advisory Group. The Chief of Police will approve all members. The Executive Committee shall recruit Chaplains and promote the program throughout the community
- A thorough background investigation will be conducted on each prospective Chaplain

#### **Call Out Procedures**

- Chaplains will be indexed in the Communications Division Watch Commander's Call out Book. A current list will be maintained identifying each Chaplain's contact number and religious affiliation. Police employees should advise the Communications Center when a Chaplain is needed and Communications personnel will make the necessary notifications
- The on-call Chaplain will be notified by paging the 24-hour Alpha Numeric pager which is indexed in the call out book
- All Chaplains responding to a crime scene will promptly report to the Incident Command Post/Incident Commander to receive further instructions
- Patrol Assignments
- Chaplains will participate in patrol assignments with police officers. A minimum of one 10-hour shift per month is required and must be scheduled in cooperation with each divisional patrol scheduling sergeant
- Chaplains will pursue and participate in relevant training in order to maintain and advance their skill level